

2026 Equipment Clarification Document Amendments

The following amendments/ corrections have been made to the Equipment Clarification Document since its publication in December 2025

The full Equipment Clarification Document is available to view [HERE](#).

Amendments:

All amendments below are effective from 1st April 2026 unless otherwise stated.

- **Bits and Hackamores**

Bits - Any bit with adjustable mechanisms is not permitted

Beris Mullen Comfort Tandem Bit – Not Permitted

Cheltenham Gag with Roundings – Not Permitted *Effective Immediately*

Combination Bits – Permitted in Horse competitions. Nosebands must not be made of rope or rope like materials, there must not be any additions on the shanks which can be altered to change the action of the bit. (if these have been removed the bit can be used) *Only permitted to be used with one rein on the bottom ring, not permitted to be used with rounding's or two reins*

Hackamores - The nose piece of the hackamore must be flat and constructed of pliable non-abrasive material. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted. No metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece, padding or sheepskin. Cheeks may not exceed 17 cm (Measurement should be carried out in a straight line from the middle of the upper ring to the middle of the lower ring). The back strap of the hackamore must be made of leather and it must be possible to insert a noseband wedge or two fingers between the back strap and the horse's jaw, and must not change the line of the check pieces

Stephens Continental Hackamore – Not Permitted *Effective Immediately*

Wahlsten Sponge Bit – Not Permitted

- **Martingales**

Standing Martingales - Permitted in competition. The only martingales permitted are standing and/or running martingales, which can include elastic inserts. Standing martingales must be attached to a flat leather surface cavesson part of the noseband that is at least 2cm wide

which does not include rope. Only running **and/ or** standing martingales may be used on ponies anywhere on the show site.

- **Nosebands**

Only one noseband may be worn in British Showjumping competition. It is permitted to compete without a noseband.

Nosebands must be made of leather, they must be flat leather against the horse's face with a minimum width 1cm. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted **Effective from 1st May**

Bit Lifter – Not Permitted

Rope Noseband – Not Permitted

Worcester Noseband – Not Permitted

- **Spurs**

Hammerhead Spurs – Not Permitted

- **Training Aids**

Bit Burr – Not Permitted

Garmin Blaze Equine Wellness System – Not Permitted

- **Saddlery**

Bridle Clips – Not permitted on the bridle, with the exception of the throatlash

Treeless Saddles – Not permitted